



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL  
SITTING AS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD**

**Council Chamber in City Hall  
68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero  
Cathedral City, CA 92234**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2005**

The Regular meeting of the City Council, also sitting as the Redevelopment Agency Board was called to order by Mayor DeRosa in the Council Chambers on September 14, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Council Members/RDA Board Members England, Marchand, Vasquez,  
Mayor Pro Tem/RDA Vice Chairman Pettis, Mayor/Chairman DeRosa

Absent: None

Mayor DeRosa opened public comments for anyone who wanted to speak on any Closed Session item. There were no requests to speak.

The regular meeting began at 6:30 p.m. and was opened by Mayor DeRosa. Mayor DeRosa asked that we keep the victims of Hurricane Katrina in our thoughts and prayers. She asked that we have a moment of silence after the Invocation for the one of our family, an employee who lost her husband and for Doc Harmon, a member of the cemetery board and was active in the Elks Lodge and worked very hard for Veterans.

Reverend Jeff Walker did the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Pettis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor DeRosa asked that we keep former Mayor Stettler in our thoughts as he was taken ill yesterday. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:**

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Paul Shillcock**)  
Property Location: APN# 687-030-075, 076 and 076  
Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and Don Stewart  
Property Owners: Jessup Auto Plaza and Tramview Land Company  
Under Negotiation: Disposition of Property
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Paul Shillcock**)  
Property Location: 31950 Crossley Road  
APN# 677-420-016 and associated parcels  
Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and Jim Stewart and Wayne Merritt  
Property Owner: Redevelopment Agency  
Under Negotiation: Property Acquisition
3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Paul Shillcock**)  
Property Location: 67440 Sarah Street  
APN# 677-443-021  
Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America  
Property Owner: United Brotherhood  
Under Negotiation: Property Acquisition
4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Paul Shillcock**)  
Property Location: 67751 East Palm Canyon Drive part of  
APN# 687-030-047 and part of APN# 687-030-010  
Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, or Episcopal Community Services, or LINC Housing, or Mercy Housing, or Joe O'Brien/Dan Horn or SoCal Housing, or Urban Housing Communities, Wessman Development or Workforce Builders, LLC.  
Property Owner: Redevelopment Agency  
Under Negotiation: Property Disposition
5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Paul Shillcock**)  
Property Location: East of Van Fleet Avenue, South of East Palm Canyon, west of East Cathedral Canyon Channel and north of "D" Street  
Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency and City Urban Revitalization

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- Corporation (CURC)  
Property Owners: Redevelopment Agency  
Under Negotiation: Disposition of Property
6. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Paul Shillcock**)  
Property Location: East of the East Cathedral Canyon Storm Channel in Designated Open Space Area.  
APN #674-020-009 & 011 and 670-060-017 & 025  
Negotiating Parties: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency, Desert Cove Golf Resorts, LLC and Barbara Lyons.  
Property Owner: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency  
Under Negotiation: Property Disposition
7. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. (**Warren Bradshaw**)  
Property Location: 31849 Sky Blue Water Trail  
APN# 678-232-015; 33033 Sky Blue Trail, APN# 680-362-001; 68255 Tortuga Road, APN# 675-242-005 and 68925 Durango Road, APN# 675-362-012  
Negotiating Parties: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency and Jose Franco  
Property Owner: Redevelopment Agency  
Under Negotiation: Property Disposition
8. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Warren Bradshaw**)  
Property Location: 67265 Mission Drive  
APN# 677-393-003  
Negotiating Parties: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency and Gregory O. Holta  
Property Owner: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency  
Under Negotiation: Property Disposition
9. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. (**Charlene Sumpter**)  
Property Location: Parcels just north of B Street and East of Van Fleet, north of the wash, west of Date Palm Drive, and north of East Palm Canyon Drive  
Negotiating Parties: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency and Tri-Millennium Cathedral City LLC  
Property Owner: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency  
Under Negotiation: Property Disposition
10. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. (**Charlene Sumpter**)  
Property Location: Parcels just north of A & B Street, west of Van Fleet, East of Cathedral Canyon, south of East Palm Canyon Drive otherwise

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known as Phase II

- Negotiating Parties: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency and Tri-Millennium Cathedral City LLC  
Property Owner: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency  
Under Negotiation: Property Disposition/Lease Negotiations
11. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 (**Charlene Sumpter**)  
Property Location: 68510 East Palm Canyon Drive formerly known as Escape Nightclub  
Negotiating Parties: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency and Glory to God Ministries or ABF Consulting/G.A. Design  
Property Owner: Cathedral City Redevelopment Agency  
Under Negotiation: Property Acquisition
12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subd. (a):  
Case Name: Adrian J. Luna vs. City of Cathedral City, Superior Court of the State of California In and For the County of Riverside, Indio Branch  
Case No. INC 052167
13. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subd. (a):  
Case Name: Artistic Entertainment Services, LLC v. Coachella Valley Arts Alliance, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court, Northeast District  
Case No. GC 35698
14. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- POTENTIAL LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, Subd. (b)  
Number of Potential Cases: 1
15. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Negotiator: Donald Bradley, City Manager  
Represented Employees: 1) Cathedral City Police Fire Management Association (CCPFMA); 2) American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.
16. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
**Title of Position:** City Attorney

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**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Assistant City Attorney Kendall Berkey advised that there were no reportable actions out of Closed Session, however, at the end of this meeting, the Council would adjourn to Closed Session to finish the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill Cohen – Cathedral City. He is still looking for volunteers for the COPS, has T-Shirts to sell for \$16.00. Mr. Cohen is recruiting for the COPS because some of the snow birds will not be returning.

Jim Warlin – Cathedral City. Mr. Warlin wanted to recognize the many organizations, individuals, and religious groups who have responded to the Hurricane victims.

Greg Wetmore – Rancho Mirage. Mr. Wetmore is President and CEO of the Cathedral City Chamber of Commerce and gave the Council an update on the upcoming calendar. The Chamber will be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Wednesday October 5 at the monthly breakfast.

Jan Chappell – Cathedral City. Ms. Chappell expressed concern for code enforcement in the neighborhood of Maravilla between Vista Chino and Los Gatos, and also the area of Los Gatos and Marquesa. A copy of her comments is attached to these minutes.

Dr. Michael Sellwood – Superintendent of PSUSD took this opportunity to introduce the new Cathedral City High School principal, Guillermo Chavez. Mr. Chavez looks forward to a continuing good relationship with the city.

Nancy Kerrick – Cathedral City and a teacher at the CCHS. Spoke a few words about the Parent Academic Alliance at CCHS and Mr. Pettis has been attending the meetings. She welcomed the parents and community to attend these meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. She thanked the Council for their continued support.

Robert Marchand – Cathedral City. Mr. Marchand is the Chair of the Public Arts Commission and wished to announce another concert scheduled for September 23 here in Council Chambers.

Jesus Gutierrez – Cathedral City. Mr. Gutierrez has lived here since 1968 and see the city growing. He wanted to bring forth a warning about cleaning up property that is close to the Park just off Date Palm (Second Street Park). He walks the dog in this area every day about 6:30 a.m.

Bob Coin – Cathedral City. Wanted to thank city for the outstanding job they did with the Lighting and Landscape District for Cimarron.

Lin Juniper – Rancho Mirage. Ms. Juniper is a Public Affairs Manager for Southern California Edison. She wanted to remind us about the energy assistance funds available

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from a partnership with local community and faith based organizations. This program helps pay electric bills for those on limited incomes. The program is administered by Catholic Charities, you can find out more about the program by calling 202-1222 or 1-800-655-4555.

Council Member Vasquez thanks Ms. Juniper for the six computers for the Boys & Girls Club.

Norman Paparo – Cathedral City. Mr. Paparo lives in Date Palm Country Club and he is unhappy with “abusive land rent gouging” that is taking place at the Date Palm Country Club. He is suggesting that the city use eminent domain to stop this problem. A copy of Mr. Paparo comments are attached to these minutes.

Bill Proctor – Cathedral City. Requested that we look at the maintenance of the dividers on both Date Palm and Ramon Roads. Advises that they are full of weeds and one palm tree is dead.

**AGENDA FINALIZATION**

Council Member requested prior to the meeting that Item 7 on the Consent Agenda be pulled because of an incomplete report from the Boys & Girls Club.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Marchand – Attended the SCAG Energy & Environment Committee meeting in Los Angeles where there was a discussion of PM5-10, and even PM2.5, which is naturally occurring in cities in the desert. Council Member Marchand is concerned that there may be yet another unfunded mandate coming from either the state or federal government with regard to this natural occurring dust. As we move thru this process he will keep up posted.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis – Thanked everyone for their cards, emails, and calls when he had a very serious auto accident a few weeks ago. He also wanted to thank those who called and supported his 85 year old parents, who reside with him. He attend the RCTC meeting today in Riverside, where several things affected us, one was they have received the audit of Sun Line Transit. The full audit is very interesting, the executive staff there is doing some great things. In conjunction with that there was a release of 1.9 million in operating funds. that had been held up due a report from Sun Line Transit. There was also 400 million to CVAG for local transportation projects. On September 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a bi-national meeting in El Centro about moving freight through the Port of L.A. to Mexico. Everyone is welcome. This Sunday is the celebration of Mexican Independence Day in Town Square – this is a joint effort of the Sister City Committee and Cathedral City Rotary. Nancy Kerrick mentioned my attendance at some of the Parents Committee, I am impressed with their efforts to improve the academic level. This group will be reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce and locally owned business to do some programming to support the schools.

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Council Member England – CCHS had their first football game last Saturday, they won 36-10 over Banning, but he wanted to thank everyone for their support and encourages us to attend a game in support of the team. If you come to a game you will see me “hawking” trikets for a couple of different Booster organizations. It is difficult to get the Council together outside this meeting, but they came together to support the CCHS band a couple of weeks ago to support the band. The band is receiving national recognition and they have been asked to participate in a parade in Chicago in November. I promised that no student would be left behind, no band member student will be left behind. Fundraising is going on so that all the band can participate in this trip, so if you would like to contribute you can contact Mr. Greg Wittmore at the High School.

Council Member Vasquez – Great new Neighborhood Watch groups, last evening was Rio Vista Village with about 30 participants, last week was Tramview Mobile Home Park, almost the entire park attended, tomorrow night I have Creekside Apartments with their first meeting. Next week will be Casa San Miguel over in the cove, next month Montage. We also have two groups in the cove, one in Panorama, and one in Century Park looking at starting up a group. I want to thank staff for responding to a problem out at Plumey and Converse a developer created a potentially dangerous situation by blocking off the sidewalk so that the kids had to walk in the street. Gloria and Kevin came out and worked with the developer to do something immediately, then had someone out there to assist the kids everyday thereafter to walk through this area. On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> I will be hosting a dinner at the Red Tomato. Bill Beck has once again donated the food, cost is \$10, time noon to 4 p.m., all proceeds going to the families of two of our local firefighters who had family in Hurricane Katrina.

Mayor DeRosa – the Mayor thanked Alibaba Farzaneh for the offer of the K-Mart building, for storing things for the Hurricane Katrina victims, the group found another building, but we appreciate your offer. This afternoon the Council asked the City Manager to send a check for \$5000 to the American Red Cross of Riverside County. The Red Cross spends approximately \$4,800 help our residents after some kind of disaster befalls them. If you would like to make a donation to the Red Cross and indicate it is for Riverside County that money will stay here to help people from our own communities. Over the weekend we had another first in Cathedral City, (by first I mean something that has never happened in our 24 years), we had the grand opening of the Golden Rainbow Senior Center, the gay and lesbian senior center. Also another group, the Gay Associated Youth will be moving to Cathedral City from the City of Palm Springs. Every year we have High School students to come and tell us what is going on at school, it is an opportunity for the students in public speaking and nice for our citizens to hear what is going on. Council decided that the students will be coming on the second meeting of the month and will be here starting at the end of September. I want to recognize Franchesca Rodriguez, who is 80 years old and lives here in Cathedral City for spending much of his time in helping out at the Parkinson's Resource Center. Words use to describe him are spiritual, adventuresome and faithful. Also in the same paper Viva, Zoila Orlett, wife of Frank Orlett of Waste Management and she too is a woman who gives a lot to the community and she has been described as charismatic, supportive and sensitive. This afternoon the council reaffirmed their commitment to each other to work together and move this city forward in a very positive and proactive manner.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council/RDA Board meeting on Wednesday August 10, 2005 were approved as written.

## PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Alexandra Elsken, Cathedral City High School student who recently graduated from the 2005 California Arts Scholars was recognized by Mayor Pro Tem Pettis and the Council. She had been presented with a certificate at her graduation from this very prestigious program, where only a few from the County are asked to participate.

Doug Diekman and Gene Touchett were recognized for their service to the Planning Commission with the presentation of plaques.

Daryl Betancur, Deputy City Clerk, received a certificate of recognition for obtaining his designation as Certified Municipal Clerk.

Marilyn Overman Cathedral City employee, Greg Wetmore Chamber of Commerce, Lin Juniper and Connie Tegherren of Southern California Edison, were recognized as a group whose efforts enabled businesses that were damaged in the fire at Albertsons Shopping Center on July 4<sup>th</sup>, to reopen their businesses in record time.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Council Member Marchand moved approval OF Consent item 1-6 and 8-11. Motion seconded by Council Member Vasquez, motion carried 5-0.**

1. Approved demands in the aggregate amount of \$16,541,772 for the month of August 2005 **by Minute Order # 3949 and Minute Order R-1034.**
2. Adopted **Resolution No. 2005-70** of the City Council for the City of Cathedral City, in support of the City's 2005 transportation enhancement grant application to the Riverside County Transportation Commission for the Cathedral Canyon/Terrace Road Pedestrian and Bikeway facilities project by
3. Approved the "City Director" and three "At Large" Directors for the City Urban Revitalization Corporation (CURC) for an additional one (1) year term **by Minute Order # 3950.**
4. Adoption of **Ordinance No. 607** of the City Council for the City of Cathedral City, amending Cathedral City Municipal Code section 9.08 and 9.25, which regulate Residential Land Uses within the Downtown Residential Neighborhood District (DRN) with the City of Cathedral City.
5. Approved Cathedral City Senior Center service provider agreement relative



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- to fiscal year 2005-2006 **by Minute Order # 3951.**
6. Approved Cathedral City Senior Center – Community Service Proposal and Agreement Addendum relative to fiscal year 2005-2006 **by Minute Order # 3952.**
  7. Approval of Cathedral City Boys and Girls Club Community Service Provider Agreement relative to fiscal year 2005-2006. **Item postponed till a later date.**
  8. Introduction of proposed ordinance of the City Council for the City of Cathedral City, amending section 2.04 of the Cathedral City Municipal Code by expanding the designated location of regular City Council meetings set forth in Section 2.04.020 and by repealing Section 2.04.060 to delete reference to the City Council's authority to make appointments to City Boards and Commissions consistent with State Law. Waive further reading and introduce the ordinance **by Minute Order #3952.**
  9. Authorized the purchase a police K-9 Dog from "Work Dogs International" to be utilized by the Police Department **by Minute Order # 3954.**
  10. Adopted **Resolution No. 2005-71** of intention to vacate Avenida Belleza, between Vista Chino and Quijo Road; Vacation No. 05-004
  11. Adopted **Resolution No. R-423** objecting to the public sale of certain tax-defaulted properties and offering to purchase said properties

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION(S)**

12. Consideration of a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) by and between the Redevelopment Agency and Stewart Family Properties for the potential expansion of the Cathedral City Auto Center.

Paul Shillcock, Economic Development Manager recommended that this item be continued until October 12, 2005 in order to review proposals from both parties.

Mayor DeRosa opened the floor to Public Comments.

Susan Seymour – Rancho Mirage. Ms. Seymour is one of the Tramview owners. She wanted to know where this left them and were they still going to get the opportunity to be considered for redeveloping this property. She was answered in the affirmative.

Don Stewart – Rancho Mirage. Mr. Stewart said "time is of the essence."

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor DeRosa closed Public Comments.

Council Member Marchand moved the item be continued to October 12, 2005. motion seconded by Council Member England, motion carried 4-1 **by Minute Order**

**# 3955.** Mayor Pro Tem Pettis voted in the negative.

13. Authorization for the Mayor to execute a supplemental agreement with Riverside County to provide the city authorization to expend Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Downtown hydrology project.

Mayor DeRosa commented that the CDBG funds for the last three years were used for the Downtown hydrology project and when that project would be done? Mr. Shillcock deferred to the City Engineer Bill Bayne. Mr. Bayne advised that the cost of this project was approximately \$3,000,000 and might take a little longer.

Council Member Marchand moved approval, motion seconded by Council Member Vasquez, motion carried 5-0 **by Minute Order 3956.**

14. Introduction of proposed ordinance of the City Council for the City of Cathedral City, mending section 2.04.050 of the Cathedral City Municipal Code thereby increasing the amount of monthly compensation paid to each member of the City Council from Six Hundred Nineteen dollars and Fifty Cents (\$619.50) to Seven Hundred Ninety One Dollars and Eight Cents (\$791.08) effective at the first meeting of the City Council in the month of December of 2006.

Tami Scott Finance Manager gave a brief report.

Council Member England spoke against this proposal, Mayor Pro Tem Pettis spoke in favor of the proposal. Council Member Vasquez spoke against the measure and Council Member Marchand spoke in favor. Mayor DeRosa spoke in favor of future Councils.

Public Comments – Alibaba Farzaneh – Rancho Mirage. Spoke in favor saying that this small amount would not break or make this city.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis move approval, motion seconded by Council Member Marchand, motion carried 3-2 **by Minute Order # 3957.**

Council Members England and Vasquez voted in the negative.

15. Approval of a communications plan and City-wide marketing plan.

Staff report was give by Julie Baumer, Deputy City Manager. The City is embarking on a marketing plan aimed at celebrating the community's heritage and improving communication and partnerships with residents, businesses and visitors. Cathedral City's name is derived from early surveyors' comparison of the hills behind he Cove to giant "cathedrals." The cathedral theme will be brought into the city itself, with sculpture, art and various activities. Several new programs will be launched in an effort to improve communication, including a community newsletter, TV vignettes of various programs, promotional videos on the city's website,

presentations to Realtors and Homeowner Associations, streaming video that will allow the public to view or replay Council meetings, messages, short stories, news updates and any other audio-video content that can be provided on the City's website, and direct mail to targeted neighborhoods. Sponsors are being sought for three annual signature events sponsored by the City. They are a music and meatball festival the last Saturday in April, the Fountainworks Festival on July 3 and the Holiday Tree Lighting and Cathedral Festival the second Saturday in December. Look for the new logo replicating the "Mountain Cathedrals" sculpture that artist Michael Paul Thiry designed for North Date Palm Drive. As we "build our cathedrals", we will also build our traditions, sense of community and civic pride, Council said at the meeting where the plan was approved.

Mayor DeRosa opened the floor to Public Comments.

Greg Wetmore – Rancho Mirage. In the 25 years that I have been associated with this city in some form or another, the city has not had an identity. At the Chamber visitors often inquire about "where are the Cathedrals?" When we explain about the mountains they are delighted. I support this plan, I appreciate the efforts of the marketing department and at the Chamber we will be ready to help promote this program.

Nikki Reisman – Cathedral City. Ms. Reisman gave considerable comments and is against using the "Cathedral" theme, because of our diversity. She questions the central icon which she considers a Christian religious symbol. It is against all the diversity that the city claims to support.

Gene Touchet – Palm Springs. Mr. Touchet offered some reasoning as to why the symbol of a Cathedral might be offensive to some people.

Robert Marchand – Cathedral City and Chair of the Public Arts Commission spoke in favor of the Marketing Program. He held up a picture of our proposed new logo and told everyone that he found it difficult to see that it was a religious icon.

Mayor DeRosa seeing no one else wishing to speak, closed Public Comments.

Council Member Marchand said he would be moving the item at the appropriate time. Mr. Marchand gave lengthy comments about the great cathedrals of Europe were built by the community effort. They were not just religious symbols, they were places of community gathering, where Courts gathered, where merchants gathered, where plays and farces were performed, where comedy developed and tragedy moved the population to tears. They were places of learning around which universities coalesced. The cathedrals of Europe were not just dens of percussion and inequity. I can think of a lot worse icon for this city to have than a place around which civilization coalesces. Cathedrals and cities, in the European tradition, go together, and where cities are, there is civilization. Civilization means the art of living together in a city. We have talked about building a cathedral and bringing out

the best. Lets try to bring out the best in this new icon and make it a symbol of what it is to live in a civilized community.

Mayor Pro Tem Pettis appreciates the comment from the public. He does not view the term "Cathedral" as a religious symbol, but a gathering place for community. He has probably been the strongest in his comments about separation of church and state, calling regularly to eliminate the invocation at council meetings because I don't feel it is appropriate, and a year or two ago while I voted in favor of the Resolution to keep the words "under God" being in the Pledge of Allegiance, I don't say those words, because of my beliefs. However, I don't view the term "Cathedral" or what the staff is recommending in this, in a religious sense. I think what our staff has done is a huge step forward and is excellent.

Mayor DeRosa said we will build on tradition. She appreciated Dr. Touchet's and Nikki's remarks. This art is abstract, who we are, and where we are. We are Cathedral City, that is not going to change, we are not changing our name. And what does that mean? I have continued to ask who are we, where have we been and where are we going? Well, we are city that needs to begin to build traditions, we are 24 years old, we have had our struggles, it is time to put this behind us, and we can be the best in Coachella Valley it is time to build community and civic pride. new logo, a new face for our city is the opportunity, the time is now. We agreed to put a plan together, we are going to be building community, civic price, and traditions. Having said that I will take a recommendation.

Council Member Marchand moved approval of staffs recommendation, motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, motion carried 5-0 **by Minute Order 3958.**

16. Authorize the use of \$214,445 remaining from improvement loan of up to \$1,000,000 to Southern California Housing Development Corporation (SCHDC) for replacement of aged water lines and gas lines at Cathedral Palms Apartments.

There was a brief report by Warren Bradshaw, Housing Manager.

Public Comments opened and closed without comment.

Council Member Marchand moved approval, motion seconded by Council Member Vasquez, motion carried 5-0 **by Minute Order #3959.**

17. Adoption of proposed resolution of the City Council for the City of Cathedral City, authorizing the Safely Surrender Baby Program thereby designating all City Fire Stations to serve as "drop off" sites for the program.

There was a brief report by Division Fire Chief Robert Van Nortrick.

Council Member England posed several questions about this program. Chief Van Nortick responded that this program is available to anyone throughout the

valley, it is not restricted to Cathedral City residents.

The Mayor asked that there be a press release next week about this program.

Public Comments opened and closed without comment.

Council Member Marchand moved adoption of **Resolution No. 2005-72**, motion seconded by Council Member Vasquez, motion carried 5-0.

18. Authorize purchase of two Marque Inc., ambulances for the Cathedral City Fire Department using Dorothy Lauden State funds in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

There was a brief report by Division Fire Chief Robert Van Nortrick in which he advised Council that we had a considerable cost savings for these vehicles due to their being built for another city and then the city couldn't complete the purchase.

Finance Manager Tami Scott wanted to modify how the purchase would be paid for. She had not been able to review the staff report before the meeting. She suggesting a lease purchase of the vehicles, and once the money is received, we will reimburse the equipment fund. We can ask the City Attorneys office to prepare a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into this lease purchase agreement.

Public Comments opened and closed without comment.

Council Member Marchand moved that we direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documentation for the City Manager to enter in the lease purchase agreement, and that the City Manager have the authority to execute the once the documentation has been prepared. He suggested that the ambulances that are being replaced be donated to Tequila, Mexico. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Pettis, motion carried 5-0.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS ON CITIZEN INQUIRIES AND CONCERNS.**

Mayor Pro Tem had a question about a vacant house behind Goody's which has been destroyed by fire and he was wondering if we could go in and tear it down and clean up the area since we own the house?

Council Member Vasquez has a question of staff and wanted a written report on how we deal with people hooking up to sewers at the time of sale, some of these are getting through escrow without being hooked up. Also how the fire department handles inspection of smoke alarms on homes when they are purchased from a previous owner. How do we make sure that the realtors and escrow companies know about the ordinance for hooking up to a sewer?

Mayor DeRosa would like to add for discussion on the next Study Session a zero

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tolerance on code enforcement issues, and that we find a method to move the process forward in a rapid process, as fast as possible. That the Council take a zero tolerance policy of all matters as related to code enforcement. She thinks this will go to answer a lot of questions being raised by residents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business to come before the Council, meeting was adjourned in memory as noted in page 4 of these minutes at 8:40 p.m. Council adjourned to Closed

Session to complete the Closed Session Agenda. Council returned from Closed Session at 9:10 p.m. There were no Closed Session announcements, Council adjourned for the evening at 9:11 p.m.

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Pat Hammers, CMC  
City Clerk